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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the preamble paragraph on page one of the specification to claim priority to the prior application, S.N. 09/479,966, under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 for this Continued Prosecution Application. A marked up version of the prior pending paragraph on page one of the specification with all changes shown is enclosed together with a revised, clean page one.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to immediately charge any fee which may be required for this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 500511.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DRUG DELIVERY

~~[In accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e), the benefit of provisional application 60/115,927, filed January 14, 1999, is hereby claimed. The entire contents of this provisional application are incorporated herein by reference.]~~ This application is a confirmation of U.S. Patent Application S.N. 09/479,966, filed January 10, 2000, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/115,927, filed January 14, 1999, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention

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2. Description of Related Art

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